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Seven Weeks Went So Quickly!



There is a well-known saying among camping professionals that a week at camp is like a month at school. So much happens! Nevertheless, the summer has flown by and another successful season at Lansman's Day Camp has come to an end. It seems like just yesterday, we were hiring counselors and planning special events... and yet, we're already doing that for next summer.

A quick glance back at the summer of 2025 reveals lots of new campers and counselors, an abundance of upper camp matball and soccer, the growth of our drama program, seemingly unlimited desire for playground time, lunchtime P.A. announcements, kick-ball and basketball intercamp games, expanded lower camp swim instruction, nursery snack time in the gazebo, fantastic participation in costume and theme days... And let's not forget the surprise "bonus day" of Color War because of the weather.

Speaking of the weather, it was a HOT summer! We lost less than two regular camp days to the rain. The first two weeks were sweltering and August was not significantly cooler. The counselors remarked that they got lots of exercise in the heat; I topped out at 19,000 steps one day last week.

Thank you so much to my team, without whom this summer would not have been as successful. Thank you to Marina, who tended to all the scrapes and bumps, as well as our campers' social-emotional needs. Kudos to Michelle for conceiving amazing art projects this summer (that now grace my refrigerator) and to Kim for a thorough musical production. Thanks to Missy for her head counselor skills and for doling out endless ice cream. I appreciate Tyler, our waterfront director-slash-campfire expert, and Sammi and Josiah for keeping us safe at the pool every day. Lee-Ann and Lyndsey got bullseyes teaching archery. Bill and his concession team fed us well and made sure we always ate the salad. To all the counselors, thank you for playing with the children and coaching them so well!

Finally, this summer could not have happened without the guidance and assistance of Lisa, our camp administrator, and Abby, our board president. Thank you to the board and to all of the families for entrusting your children to our care. See you in 2026!

Your friend and camp director,

Scott M. Eckers

Register Now for Next Year

Don't wait... the *super* early bird catches the best rate. We are so excited to welcome you back next summer that we are encouraging "super early bird" registration, now extended through October 15. Register by October 15 and receive almost \$200 off the Summer 2026 rate!

Register by September 1 and pay only **\$1,800** for all seven weeks. This rate reflects no increase from last year's early-bird special. Register by January 1 and pay \$1,925, the same as for the 2025 season. After January 1, the regular tuition rate will be \$1,995.

Planning is already underway for the 2026 season, with discussions about expanding our professional staff, adding specialty programs, and improving our facilities. A new, modern website will be un-



veiled in the coming days. We hope you will check it out.

We know you have options during the summer, and we appreciate your continued trust. Lansman's is a family, and we're glad you're a part of it.

A Beautiful Day for a Poolside Talent Show

As is the tradition, parents and friends gathered on the side of the pool for the talent show and end-of-camp awards ceremony. Each group presented an act, ranging from a multilingual Nursery song to a Star Wars camp parody to mash-up dances presented by our Upper Camp girls. The counselors worked hard to teach their campers the acts and even threw in tunes from the glory days of the 1980s. After the talent show, each child received an award certificate and a medal with his/her name. You'll receive a "Summer Souvenir" in follow-up email with these listed.



Fun at Camp During Week Seven



Thank You

Thank you for showing your appreciation to our counselors, CITs, and specialty staff. They have asked me to send a note of thanks to the families for their generosity. If you would still like the tip sheet, please let me know and I'll send it to you.



Congratulations

Congratulations to our *Counselors of the Year*, who were awarded COY fish statues:

**Justin Costello, Edwin Morales,
Yuna Bennett, and Arianna Foster**

These exemplary staff members went above and beyond the call of duty to make sure your kids had a great summer!



COUNSELOR CAMPFIRE



What better way to bond with friends than by a beautiful campfire? The counselors had a night out just for them last week to celebrate their hard work this summer. They enjoyed s'mores, socializing, and a serious game of man-hunt.



Water Inflatables a Hit Despite the Rain

The giant inflatable day is always a highlight of the special events. This year was no exception, though the afternoon got unexpectedly rained out! Not to worry, the schedule was adjusted to allow each group ample time on the bouncy fun. Thank you to the counselors who came back from their lunch breaks early to accommodate the change. The "Big Kahuna" and the bounce house were the most popular activities with the younger campers, while the giant water slide was the most popular activity for the older set. Everybody enjoyed (way too many) Sno-Cones, which tasted just fine in the bad weather.

I hope you have enjoyed reading these updates all summer. Stay tuned for the "souvenir!"

